

CFTC Ex. 37

Message

From: Jim McDaniel [redmax52@gmail.com]
 Sent: 11/29/2017 11:05:25 AM
 To: Scott Gecas [sgecas@longleaftrading.com]
 Subject: Re: Trades recommendations 11/29/17

Yes.

Looks like the account is really in trouble...Now down by 80%?

On Wed, Nov 29, 2017 at 9:33 AM, Scott Gecas <sgecas@longleaftrading.com> wrote:

Please see referenced positions below we are recommending for execution. Simply respond yes to this email to accept the positions or feel free to call me if you would like to discuss first. As always I strongly encourage a timely response to prevent adverse market movement from impacting our ability to achieve fill prices as designed.

Recommendation 1

| Market | Strategy | Underlying Futures | Strike Prices | Offer Price | Max Reward / Max Risk | Expiration Date |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|-------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| January and February Bond Options | Calendar Swap | March Bond Futures | Buy Jan C154 | 5 OB | + 1970.85 | Dec 22, 2017 / Jan 26, 2017 |
| | | | Buy Feb P148 | | / - \$1029.155 | |
| | | | Sell Jan C153 | | | |
| | | | Sell Feb P146 | | | |

Recommendation 2



| Market | Strategy | Underlying Futures | Strike Prices | Offer Price | Max Reward / Max Risk | Expiration Date |
|--------|----------|--------------------|---------------|-------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
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| Feb and Mar Coffee Options | Calendar Swap | March Coffee Futures | Buy Feb P122.5 Buy Mar C140 Sell Feb P125 Sell Mar C145 | Debit of 30 | + \$1650.02 / -\$974.98 | Jan 12, 2017 / Feb 9, 2017 |
|----------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|--|----------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|

Regards,

Scott Gecas

Sr. Strategic Account Executive|Long Leaf Trading Group



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Message

From: Scott Gecas [sgecas@longleaftrading.com]
Sent: 1/19/2018 9:31:13 AM
To: Long Leaf Trading Group [admin@longleaftrading.com]; Jim Donelson [jdonelson@longleaftrading.com]
Subject: FW: account Status

From: JOHN DUGAN [mailto:jdugan3@comcast.net]
Sent: Friday, January 19, 2018 8:25 AM
To: Scott Gecas <sgecas@longleaftrading.com>
Subject: account Status

Scott,

It appears my account which started at \$25,000 is now worth less than \$5,000:

As previously discussed, I await your response.

Message

From: Scott Gecas [sgecas@longleaftrading.com]
Sent: 1/26/2018 11:00:49 AM
To: Jim Donelson [jdonelson@longleaftrading.com]
Subject: FW: URGENT Bond offset

From: Clint [mailto:clintbco@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2018 10:51 PM
To: Scott Gecas <sgecas@longleaftrading.com>
Subject: URGENT Bond offset

Scott,

How long until my account goes to zero? Is it time to just close it?

Send me an email telling me what's been going on and why I should stay. No phone calls.

Clint

Message

From: Terry Groom [terrygro2000@yahoo.com]
Sent: 1/29/2018 11:33:04 AM
To: sgecas@longleaftrading.com
Subject: Re: Trade Recommendation

yes. it looks like we are still loosing ground, and i still havent seen anthing of sherryl's ira yet

On Monday, January 29, 2018, 10:16:53 AM CST, sgecas@longleaftrading.com <sgecas@longleaftrading.com> wrote:



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Recommendation 1

| Market | Strategy | Underlying Futures | Strike Prices | Offer Price | Reward / Risk | Expiration Date |
|------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|---|----------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| March Soybeans Options | Broken Wing Put Butterfly | March Soybeans Futures | Buy 960 Put Sell 970 Put Sell 970 Put Buy 990 Call | -6.5 OB GTC | + 535.32 / - 456.84 | February 23, 2018 |

Recommendation 2

| Market | Strategy | Underlying Futures | Strike Prices | Offer Price | Reward / Risk | Expiration Date |
|---------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|--|---------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| US T- Bonds Options | Broken Wing Put Butterfly | March US T- Bond Futures | Buy 145 Put Sell 146 Put Sell 146 Put Buy 148 Put | -38 OB GTC | + \$1275.69 / -\$721.03 | February 16, 2018 |

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Message

From: Jim McDaniel [redmax52@gmail.com]
Sent: 1/31/2018 5:37:59 PM
To: Scott Gecas [sgecas@longleaftrading.com]
Subject: Re: Long Leaf Trading Group trade recap 1/31/18

All the technical analysis and charts don't really mean much. What does is that I have now lost 90% of the money I entrusted to your company less than two years ago. Should have been throwing darts at an S&P 500 board instead.

Jim

On Wed, Jan 31, 2018 at 2:36 PM, Scott Gecas <sgecas@longleaftrading.com> wrote:

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Message

From: Geomac5 [geomac5@aol.com]
Sent: 2/13/2018 12:55:29 PM
To: sgecas@longleaftrading.com
Subject: Fwd: DAILY CLIENT STATEMENT
Attachments: E53936.PDF

If I'm reading this statement correctly - SEE Attached file
The trades that just closed LOST about -\$135, correct?

The open trades are a positive +\$702.50, correct?

If we didn't open any more trades and if we either closed out or let them expire
and were able to get that \$702.50

My account would have a value of about \$4,802, correct?

a \$18K loss??????????????

Scott Call me ASAP

-----Original Message-----

From: gfstatements <gfstatements@gaincapital.com>
To: geomac5 <geomac5@aol.com>
Sent: Tue, Feb 13, 2018 12:16 pm
Subject: DAILY CLIENT STATEMENT

Please find hereafter your daily statements
as of 20180212.

If the account is on margin call or you would
like to send additional funds, please use the
instructions found at the link below:
<http://futures.gaincapital.com/funding>

For questions, email gfstatements@gaincapital.com
or call 800-920-5808

Message

From: Clint [clintbco@gmail.com]
Sent: 2/22/2018 4:11:21 PM
To: sgecas@longleaftrading.com
Subject: RE: Trade Recommendation

Scott,

No further trades until I know why I'm down ~35% based on the Liquidation Value, or ~50% based on the Cash Value since you took over at the end of September 2017, while the market continued to soar. If you could send me a summary of what happened that would be a start.

Thanks,

Clint

From: sgecas@longleaftrading.com [mailto:sgecas@longleaftrading.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2018 1:47 PM
To: clintbco@gmail.com
Subject: Trade Recommendation



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Recommendation #1: US T-Bond Volatility Swap

Underlying Future: US T-Bond June Future

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|---------------|-------------------|----------|----------|----------|------------------------|
| ZBJ8 140 Put | US1H8 141 Put | 1,348.40 | 1,011.30 | (438.26) | Front Leg: 3/2/2018 |
| ZBJ8 145 Call | US1H8 144 Call | (674.20) | 1'01 OB | 15 OB | Back Leg: 3/23/2018 |

Trade Approval

Order: -35 OB Good until Cancel – (\$674.20 Cost)

Exit: 15 OB Good until Cancel

Recommendation #2: British Pound Volatility Swap

Underlying Future: GBPUSD June Future

| Buy | Sell | Max Gain/Loss | Target Gain | Target Max Loss | Expiration |
|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| BP1H8 137 Put | BP1H8 138 Put | 1,342.12 | 993.11 | (519.14) | Front Leg: 3/2/2018 |
| | BP1H8 140 Call | | | | |
| BP4H8 141 Call | BP4H8 142 Call | (662.07) | 159 OB | 25 OB | Back Leg: 3/23/2018 |
| BP4H8 139 Put | | | | | |

Trade Approval

Order: -75 OB Good until Cancel - (\$662.07 Cost)

Exit: 25 OB Good until Cancel

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Message

From: Scott Gecas [sgecas@longleaftrading.com]
 Sent: 3/14/2018 9:12:15 AM
 To: Jim Donelson [jdonelson@longleaftrading.com]
 Subject: FW: Trade Recommendation

From: LARRY REA <cturea47@gmail.com>
 Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2018 8:21 PM
 To: Scott Gecas <sgecas@longleaftrading.com>
 Subject: Re: Trade Recommendation

In reviewing my statements I am reading you have lost about \$50,000 in the time I have been with you. This is TOTALLY unacceptable and I want to know where the 78% winning rate has been all this time. You may want to pass this up the line as they need to pick BETTER MORE PROFITABLE trades, not just for trading but for PROFIT!! Larry G Rea

On Tue, Mar 13, 2018 at 8:58 AM, <sgecas@longleaftrading.com> wrote:



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Please see referenced positions below we are recommending for execution. We will need your response by 1:00 pm CST to be able to effectively execute the trades. Simply respond yes to this email to accept the positions or feel free to call me if you would like to discuss first. As always I strongly encourage a timely response to prevent adverse market movement from impacting our ability to achieve fill prices as designed.

We are recommending a total of 3 contracts for each recommended position below.

Recommendation : Gold Put Spread
 Underlying Future: Gold April Future

| Buy | Sell | Max Gain Loss | Target Gain | Target Max Loss | Expiration |
|----------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------|
| OGCI8 Put 1320 | OGCI8 Put 1300 | 1,380.12 / 614.94 | 950 / 14.1 | 350 / 3.5 | March 26, 2018 |

Trade Approval

Order: -5.4 OB Good until Cancel
 Exit: 3.5 OB Good until Cancel

Recommendation : CAD/USD Volatility Swap
 Underlying Future: June CAD/USD Future

| Buy | Sell | Max Gain Loss | Target Gain | Target Max Loss | Expiration |
|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|-----------------|--|
| OCAUJ8 Put .775 | OCAU3J8 Put .775 | 1,156.25 / 469.88 | 940 / 94 | 150 / 15 | Front Leg: 3/23/2018 Back Leg: 4/6/2018 |
| OCAUJ8 Call .785 | OCAU3J8 Call .785 | | | | |

Trade Approval

Order: -32 OB Good until Cancel

Exit: 15 OB Good until Cancel

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Message

From: Scott Gecas [sgecas@longleaftrading.com]
Sent: 6/1/2018 10:56:40 AM
To: Jim Donelson [jdonelson@longleaftrading.com]
Subject: FW: account

From: Dave Owens <dowens2@cfl.rr.com>
Sent: Friday, June 01, 2018 9:50 AM
To: Scott Gecas <sgecas@longleaftrading.com>
Subject: account

Scott, This has not been a fun ride. I am down over 50% and don't see any way to keep this up as I tried to go along with you with only one contract. Had it been three I would have been down \$2100 in May instead of \$700. Please close my account and send what is left (\$12138.15) to me as soon as possible. I really tried to go along with your recommendations but it just is not working out. Guess I will stick with my slow and steady pace with equities. Dave Owens

Message

From: john conlon [johnbettyc@yahoo.com]
Sent: 6/5/2018 7:50:45 AM
To: sgecas@longleaftrading.com
Subject: Re: Urgent Long Leaf trade recommendations

Hi
Good morning
When you have a minute.
Please give me a call

I am wondering if all the accounts at Long Leaf had performed as poorly as mine.

Is there enough money in account to continue
or should it be closed out?

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

On Fri, May 25, 2018 at 10:48 AM, john conlon
<johnbettyc@yahoo.com> wrote:

Hi
Good morning
Do I have enough in account to do these trades?
Thanks
Have a good and safe Holiday weekend

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

On Fri, May 25, 2018 at 10:17 AM, Scott Gecas
<sgecas@longleaftrading.com> wrote:

Scott Gecas

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Message

From: Scott Gecas [sgecas@longleaftrading.com]
Sent: 7/17/2018 6:24:44 AM
To: Jim Donelson [jdonelson@longleaftrading.com]
Subject: Fwd: No Trading
Attachments: Gain Capital Statements.xlsx; ATT00001.htm

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Clint" <clintbco@gmail.com>
Date: July 17, 2018 at 1:45:34 AM CDT
To: "'Scott Gecas'" <sgecas@longleaftrading.com>
Subject: No Trading

Scott,

Do not make any further trades in my account. Please close all positions. It's pretty simple – I've lost 55% in the last year, and 46% since the end of 2017. Time to cut my losses and move on. I have attached a spreadsheet that should explain it.

Please do not call me; there's nothing to discuss.

Thanks,

Clint

Message

From: Scott Gecas [sgecas@longleaftrading.com]
Sent: 7/25/2018 9:24:30 AM
To: Jim Donelson [jdonelson@longleaftrading.com]
Subject: Fwd: URGENT Long Leaf Trade Recommendations

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: <klbernstein1@verizon.net>
Date: July 25, 2018 at 8:03:04 AM CDT
To: <sgecas@longleaftrading.com>
Subject: Re: URGENT Long Leaf Trade Recommendations

Hello Scott:

Do NOT implement your firm's recommendations for further trades in my account. Since inception 6 months ago your firm's recommendations have led to a 35% decline in the value of my holdings. My remaining holdings include another disaster in silver futures. Conner Campo, my former account representative, had explained that managing the account was a team effort based on company analysts' recommendations; therefore there is no reason to believe that your performance will improve with a change in account rep.

When my current holdings expire I want you to close the account and return to me my the remaining funds.

Ken Bernstein

-----Original Message-----

From: Scott Gecas <sgecas@longleaftrading.com>
To: Scott Gecas <sgecas@longleaftrading.com>
Sent: Tue, Jul 24, 2018 8:29 am
Subject: URGENT Long Leaf Trade Recommendations

Scott Gecas

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Message

From: Jim Donelson [jdonelson@longleaftrading.com]
Sent: 8/13/2018 8:09:13 AM
To: liliana zhu [hzxh2006@gmail.com]; Scott Gecas [sgecas@longleaftrading.com]
Subject: Re: Announcement

Liliana,

Scott Gecas is your new broker. I will check your account and would recommend waiting until any open positions close. I will make a note on this account that it is to be closed once all positions are closed.

Sent by my iPhone

On Aug 13, 2018, at 1:30 AM, liliana zhu <hzxh2006@gmail.com> wrote:

Who is the new broker ? My \$10,000 account only has around \$3000 balance left, I want to leave long leaf trading group and trade on my own.

Who I should contact with ?

Thanks

Liliana

425-698-0983

On Fri, Jul 20, 2018, 06:52 Jim Donelson <jdonelson@longleaftrading.com> wrote:

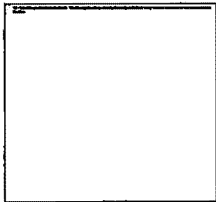
Dear Clients,

I am e-mailing you to inform you that Connor Campo has chosen to leave the firm. He has decided to trade on his own and we wish him well in that endeavor. He has been assisting us with the transfer of his accounts to our other brokers to assure a seamless transition. Your new broker will be contacting today to introduce himself.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Jim Donelson

CEO | Long Leaf Trading Group



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Message

From: Jim McDaniel [redmax52@gmail.com]
Sent: 12/3/2018 5:26:10 PM
To: Scott Gecas [sgecas@longleaftrading.com]
Subject: Account status

I think I'm reading the statement right, that if the current plays don't come in, I'm done - ie, I have no more money. is that accurate?

Jim McDaniel